

December 28, 2014

10:00 am

Prelude

*Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP:**

ONE: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,

**ALL: God is there.**

ONE: When Jesus is presented at the temple,

**ALL: God is there.**

ONE: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,

**ALL: God is there.**

ONE: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,

**ALL: God is there.**

ONE: This very morning,

**ALL: God is here.**

ONE: In the future we cannot see,

**ALL: God is there.**

**Let us worship God!**

\*Carols of Praise

Insert

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:** (Unison)

Holy God, we know that you have been present to us throughout all of history, even throughout our own histories. We know you will be with us in our future. Yet often we don't live as if we know that. You ask no more of us than what we can provide. Forgive us, make us wise and joyful and strong so that we live in the understanding of your never ending love. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Anthem

New Testament Lesson

Hebrews 2: 10-18

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end.  
Amen, Amen.

Reflections & Thoughts

Brian Sampson

Special Music

Hymn of Reflection

“The First Noel”

Insert

Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer:**

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

**\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn of Going Forth**

“Joy to the World”

Insert

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

“Emmanuel” (sung twice)

Emmanuel, Emmanuel  
His name is called Emmanuel;  
God with us, revealed in us;  
His name is called Emmanuel.

**\*Postlude**

**\*We invite you to stand if you are able.**